2 98. (Newly added) The apparatus of claim 97 wherein the control function is a segment skip function.

3 99. (Newly added) The apparatus of claim 97 wherein the control function is a fast-forward function.

100. (Newly added) An apparatus capable of playing an optical disc storing (1) a video program including within, and not provided by an alternative program source, at least one parallel video segment for variably playing a scene of the video program; (2) a commercial video segment; (3) segment information, not created by a user of the video program, directly defining a plurality of video segments; and (4) at least one segment code for inhibiting a control function from interfering with a playing of a video segment; the apparatus comprising processing, random accessing, and buffering means for:

inhibiting, responsive to the segment information and a segment code, a control function of the apparatus from interfering with a playing of a commercial video segment;

selecting, responsive to the segment information, video segments from within the video program; and

playing, without requiring an alternative program source, the selected video segments as a seamless version of, from within, and less in length than the length of, the video program, the playing comprising a video buffering for seamlessly skipping over a retrieval of at least a portion of a parallel video segment included within the video program.

5 101. (Newly added) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the control function is a segment skip function.

6 102. (Newly added) The apparatus of claim 100 wherein the control function is a fast-forward function.

103. (Newly added) A method of playing an optical disc storing (1) a video program including within, and not provided by an alternative program source, at least one

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parallel video segment for variably playing a scene of the video program; (2) a commercial video segment; (3) segment information, not created by a user of the video program, directly defining a plurality of video segments; and (4) at least one segment code for inhibiting a control function from interfering with a playing of a video segment; the method comprising the steps of:

inhibiting, responsive to the segment information and a segment code, a control function from interfering with a playing of a commercial video segment;

selecting, responsive to the segment information, video segments from within the video program; and

playing, without requiring an alternative program source, the selected video segments as a seamless version of, from within, and less in length than the length of, the video program, the playing comprising a video buffering for seamlessly skipping over a retrieval of at least a portion of a parallel video segment included within the video program.

104. (Newly added) The method of claim 103 wherein the control function is a segment skip function.

105. (Newly added) The method of claim 103 wherein the control function is a fast-forward function. --

In the Title:

Please replace the title of the invention with the following:

-- Inhibiting A Control Function From Interfering With A Playing Of A Video. --

In the Abstract:

Please replace the abstract of the invention with the Abstract in the page attached hereto.

REMARKS

This amendment, without disclaimer or prejudice to their underlying subject matters, cancels claims 77-96, and add claims 97-105. The 3 independent and 6 dependent claims in this amendment are the only claims outstanding.